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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. KENNEDY of the 12th Dist. and SEN. MINER of the 30th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF "CONNECTICUT GROWN" PRODUCTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-38d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

3 (a) There is established, within the Department of Agriculture, a
4 farm to school program. In consultation with the Department of
5 Education, the program shall facilitate and promote the sale of
6 Connecticut-grown farm products by farms to school districts,
7 individual schools and other educational institutions under the
8 jurisdiction of the Department of Education. Through the farm to
9 school program, the Department of Agriculture shall (1) encourage
10 and solicit Connecticut farmers to sell their products to such districts,
11 schools and other educational institutions, (2) develop and regularly
12 update a database of farmers interested in selling their products to
13 Connecticut schools, including the types and amounts of products the

14 farmers want to sell and the time periods during which the farmers
15 want to sell, (3) in consultation with the Department of Education,
16 facilitate purchases from local farmers by such interested districts,
17 schools and other educational institutions, provided any person who
18 sells any farm product as Connecticut-grown to such a district, school
19 or educational institution shall offer proof to such district, school or
20 educational institution that such farm product was produced in
21 Connecticut, including, but not limited to, the name of the person or
22 business that produced the farm product and the name and address of
23 the farm where such farm product was produced, and (4) provide
24 outreach and guidance to farmers concerning the value of and
25 procedure for selling their products to such interested districts, schools
26 and other educational institutions.

27 (b) The Department of Education, in consultation with the
28 Department of Agriculture, school food service directors and
29 interested farming organizations, shall (1) establish a week-long
30 promotional event, to be known as Connecticut-Grown for
31 Connecticut Kids Week, in late September or early October each year,
32 that will promote Connecticut agriculture and foods to children
33 through school meal and classroom programs, at farms, farmers'
34 markets and other locations in the community, (2) encourage and
35 solicit school districts, individual schools and other educational
36 institutions under its jurisdiction to purchase Connecticut-grown farm
37 products, (3) provide outreach, guidance and training to districts,
38 parent and teacher organizations, schools and school food service
39 directors concerning the value of and procedure for purchasing and
40 incorporating into their regular menus Connecticut-grown farm
41 products, (4) in consultation with the Department of Agriculture,
42 arrange for local, regional and state-wide events where potential
43 purchasers and farmers can interact, and (5) arrange for interaction
44 between students and farmers, including field trips to farms and in-
45 school presentations by farmers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	22-38d
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ENV *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires any person selling Connecticut grown farm products to schools and education facilities to provide proof that the product was produced in state.

Since the bill does not set fines for violations, there is no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB00106*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF "CONNECTICUT GROWN" PRODUCTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires anyone who sells a Connecticut-grown farm product through the Connecticut farm-to-school program to offer proof to the school district, school, or educational institution buying the product that it was produced in Connecticut. The proof must, at a minimum, include the name of the person or business that produced the product and the name and address of the farm where it was produced. The bill does not specify a penalty for failing to disclose this information.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

BACKGROUND***Connecticut Farm-to-School Program***

The Connecticut farm-to-school program encourages the use of Connecticut-grown farm products in school cafeterias. State law requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the state Department of Education (SDE), to administer the program in a way that promotes and facilitates the sale of Connecticut-grown farm products by farms to school districts, individual schools, and other educational institutions under SDE's jurisdiction (CGS § 22-38d).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 0 (02/28/2018)